

## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR HAS HIS SALARY ALMOST DOUBLED

### DEFENSE GENERAL STOESSEL

RUSSIAN OFFICER ADVISED HIM TO SURRENDER PORT ARTHUR.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 29.—The taking of testimony by the court-martial which is trying Lieutenant General Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur fortress, came to an end today and the court adjourned until February 3d, when the closing arguments will be heard. As a final justification for his surrender of Port Arthur, Stoessel introduced a letter today by General Kendratanko, dated October 1, 1904, in which the writer said he recognized the necessity of surrendering and asked General Stoessel to prepare the emperor for this end and to advise him to make peace with Japan while the fortress was still in Russian hands. Stoessel addressed the court, saying he could not follow the advice of General Kendratanko because communications passed through too many hands and consequently he defended the fortress as long as it existed.

#### MAIL CLERK ARRESTED.

RENO, Jan. 29.—Postal Inspector Booth has captured in Ogden, Probation Postal Clerk A. H. Lindsey, who is alleged to have robbed the registered mail sack. The accused man is now being held in Ogden. It is alleged that he stole a registered package on the train between San Francisco and Reno.

### HUGHES STRONGLY ENDORSED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE FAVORS INSTRUCTED DELEGATION.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Gov. Chas. E. Hughes was strongly endorsed for the Republican nomination for the Presidency and the administration of President Roosevelt commended in a resolution unanimously adopted by the Republican county committee at a meeting in Murray Hill Lyceum hall tonight. The resolution favored an instructed delegation to the Chicago convention from this State for Governor Hughes, which will use all honorable means to obtain his nomination until he "is either nominated or directs the withdrawal of his name from consideration by the convention."

### POSTPONE BURNS-PALMER FIGHT

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The fight between Tommy Burns and Jack Palmer of New Castle, which was scheduled for Feb. 1st, has been postponed until February 10th.

Legislature Makes Appropriations for Penitentiary and Orphans Home—New Judicial District Created and Langan's Stipend Reduced.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 29.—At the afternoon session of the Legislature an appropriation of \$5000 was made for improvements at the State prison and \$6000 for the State Orphans' Home. The Lieutenant Governor's salary was increased from \$1800 to \$3000. By the bill passing the Senate today a new judicial district was formed, which makes Esmeralda county a separate district, with two districts. Judge Langan, the present judge, will remain in the first district, and his salary is reduced from \$5000 to \$4000. The proposed law giving the attorney general power to appoint deputies in any district, where a lack of prosecution is evidenced, failed to pass the house. The bill will be made an issue tomorrow.

## NORTH STAR ENCOUNTERS NEW LEDGE

And now comes the North Star with the opening up of a vein on the lower level. Thus far, according to the best information that is at hand, there is no ore of any value, but the next few days will determine the worth of the discovery. The stock took a jump from seven-

teen to twenty-one cents, and this was undoubtedly the result of insiders buying.

"I think," said General Manager Luckett, "that the announcement of a strike in the North Star is premature. We have opened up a ledge of four or five feet, which looks very good, but we have not got any values, and will not be able to say what we have for a day or two. The discovery was made on the 1250-foot level, on the north crosscut, 569 feet from the shaft. It is my belief that it is beyond the dacite intrusion, but I cannot say whether it would be the same ledge as the Montana Tonopah has below the dacite, although the 1050-foot level of the Montana would be about on the same plane as our 1250, the collar of our shaft being 187 feet higher than that of the Montana Tonopah."

The strike in the North Star at the lower depths is another good index of the future of the camp, and it comes at a time when the attention of the mining world is fixed upon Tonopah. We have just had a strike on the 1000-foot level of the Belmont, and previous to that on the lower level of the Montana Tonopah, both of these strikes occurring under the dacite formation. Then there is the ledge on the 850 level of the Midway, also under the dacite, and the indications that the Tonopah Extension will catch the ore on the 1050 level.

All these strikes, with the exception of that in the Belmont, are in the experimental stage, for the reason that the ore has not yet been demonstrated to be of a commercial value. The indications are that this demonstration will be made, and there is no reason why the ore in the lower levels will not carry the values. When pay ore is struck at any one of these lower levels, then indeed will Tonopah be the second Comstock.

### SHARP TREMBLOR NORTH OF RENO

RENO, Jan. 29.—Residents of Millford and Amedee, on the line of the N. C. O. in California, fled from their homes Sunday night as the result of a severe earthquake shock. The tremor started shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday night and continued for several moments. Reports sent to Reno yesterday describe the shock as similar to the one which wrecked San Francisco.



## Secretary Taft Was the Guest of Honor

(By Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, Jan. 29.—Secretary of War Taft was the guest of honor tonight at the annual McKinley day banquet of the Tippecanoe Club, and spoke on "The Republic." Taft, accompanied by Col. Clarence Edwards, U. S. A., and Congressman Duncan McKinley of California, arrived here at noon. There were some expectations that the banquet would develop a political star, owing to the presence of Mr. Taft in his own State, but not only did the Secretary and other speakers confine themselves to McKinley eulogies, but Taft at no time during his stay here made public reference to political matters. In his address on "Ohio and the Pacific Slope," Congressman McKinley told of the part the Ohio men have taken in the upbuilding of the Pacific Coast. Taft was introduced as the next President of the United States.

## LITTLETON MAKES PLEA FOR THAW

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Martin W. Littleton, chief counsel in defense of Harry K. Thaw, today asked an acquittal for his client upon the ground of insanity, declaring he could not see how, in the face of the evidence, the jury could render any other verdict. The serious and sincere evidence of the defense tending to establish the insanity of the defendant, Mr. Littleton declared was answered only by the sneers and insinuations of Mr. Jerome. These sneers and insinuations, Littleton asserted, were not competent proof that the law required prosecuting authorities to produce, once the insanity of the accused person was made an issue.

He repeatedly urged upon the jury to remember that in a case of this kind, the burden of proof rests entirely upon the State to prove the sanity of the defendant beyond all reasonable doubt.

Littleton warmly defended Evelyn Nesbit Thaw against the attacks of District Attorney Jerome. The address of the defending attorney took up all of the session, and District Attorney Jerome is expected to reply tomorrow. If he should finish at the morning session, Justice Dowling will charge the jury during the afternoon. If Jerome's address should extend well into the afternoon, however, the case will not go to the jury until Friday.

## Banks Forced to Close

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The New Amsterdam National Bank, capitalized for \$1,000,000, was closed by order of the comptroller of currency tonight, and National Bank Examiner Hanna placed in charge. The institution's liabilities are placed at \$1,482,016, of which \$2,065,272 is due depositors. The officers of the bank assert every depositor will be paid in full and that the stockholders will receive a substantial dividend.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—

President Sullivan of the Mechanics and Traders Bank, announced shortly before midnight tonight that his institution would not open its doors tomorrow. This decision was reached at a meeting of the directors tonight. In a statement issued after the meeting, the directors declared the bank to be solvent, but state that cash resources made it appear inadvisable for the bank to continue business.

## RICHNESS OF RAWHIDE

CAPTAIN THATCHER HAS NARROW SQUEAK IN SECURING CLAIM.

Captain George Thatcher of Tonopah has succeeded in getting an option on the Bushwhacker claim, which adjoins the Royal and Tiger on the north, and he succeeded in getting it by the closest of margins.

The captain had made all the arrangements and had accepted the terms of the owners of the claim. He was downtown arranging the finishing details, three miles away from the claim. But there is a good broad highway leading down to the town, down Rawhide avenue, and into the main street.

"There you are," said the captain, pushing over the check covering the first payment.

There was a clattering of hoofs heard afar off, as the first man sat down to append his signature to the option. He was slow with the pen, and the hoofbeats were growing nearer. When he had finished subscribing himself, the horse was stopping at the door, and as the second man took up the pen, the door was thrown open, and a man, hatless and breathless, dashed into the room, crying:

"Don't sign; big strike!" In an instant all was confusion. The captain, usually quiet and cool, was startled out of his serenity, and he started to his feet, and laid a hand on the document, which had been half completed.

"It is too late," he cried; "the option has been signed."

But the second man refused to sign, and there was an argument that lasted an hour. But the captain clung to the partly signed option, and declared that he would hold the parties to it. At length a compromise was effected. Thatcher agreeing to raise the price of the first payment, which he did on the spot, and secured what he thinks is worth all the money, and is one of the very good claims in the camp.

ZEB KENDALL SAW SEVEN SACKS OF ORE VALUED AT \$20,000.

The Grutt lease on Grutt hill in Rawhide has made good its promise. A week ago last Saturday there was taken from it an immense chunk of rock on the surface, with the gold discernible on all sides of it. The discovery threw the camp into a state of wild excitement, and the following day saw flying from the top of the hill, Old Glory, crowning the banner mountain of the camp.

Zeb Kendall was one of those who returned from the camp yesterday, and just before leaving on the afternoon before, he saw the shots put into the vein which brought away the richest bunch of ore that has yet been uncovered.

"They took away seven sacks of ore, the smallest estimate of the value of which was placed at \$20,000. Three thousand dollars a sack is going some, but I do not believe that that is overestimating the values of those sacks. You can imagine that there was little chance left to the high-graders to get away with any of the stuff. Last night the lease was guarded by two deputy sheriffs, and the Grutts had two men of their own on guard with shotguns, with instructions to take no chances on anybody who attempted to approach the shaft. The ledge is, I should judge, three or four feet wide, and will average \$300 to \$400 a ton, with the rich streaks running through it.

"Rawhide is growing all the time, the people getting in there at the rate of a hundred a day, at least. They are coming in from all quarters and from all roads. The money is beginning to come in and properties are changing hands rapidly."

George K. Allen of the Royal Tiger group, was another arrival from the golden land of promise, and he corroborated Mr. Kendall's account of the Grutt lease. He also said that the Royal Tiger was holding up in

KEY PITTMAN MORE PLEASED THAN EVER WITH HIS INVESTMENT.

Key Pittman returned from Rawhide yesterday, and is more enthusiastic over the camp than ever, and is more pleased with his investment in the Rawhide Mining and Reduction Company, owners of the famous Murray lease, and the Drew property to the north of Grutt hill.

"The Murray lease," said Mr. Pittman, "is opening up in wonderful shape, but is not doing any more than we thought it would do. On the hanging wall there is a brexiation of three feet, following which is twenty-one feet of solid ore which will average \$32 to the ton. There is besides an eight-inch streak on the hanging wall which goes \$312 to the ton. We have three shifts working on the lease and are taking the ore out as fast as possible, sinking six feet a day.

"On the Drew property there are twenty-one leases, every one of which is working, and Colonel Acorn has on his lease twelve inches of ore that will go \$150 to the ton, and the rest of the shaft is in milling ore which goes about \$18 to the ton. I have always thought well of the Drew property, and I think yet that it is one of the best in the camp. There are four or five ledges on it, all of which look good.

"There are more people going into the camp every day, and there is now some money going in there; money for investment. The camp is getting better from all view points, business as well as mining. More buildings are going up, accommodations are better and all kinds of property is being held at pretty stiff figures."

splendid shape. On the Stinson lease on the Royal, which was sold for \$25,000 a week or so ago, they are making extensive developments and are getting out the ore in bunches.

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